

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS
Special Called Council Meeting

July 29, 1981
2:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers
Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan announced the purpose of the Special Called Meeting of the Council is to consider an ordinance calling a bond election to be held Saturday, August 29, 1981 for authorization of General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds.

Council began discussing the items to be included in the bond package and whether it should be for two years or three years. The decided to vote on the package item by item.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council include the issuance of \$34,045,000 Revenue Bonds for electric light and power system extensions and improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem
Trevino, Councilmember Deuser
Noes: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$39,105,000 Revenue Bonds for waterworks system extensions and improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino,
Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$32,915,000 for Revenue Bonds for sewer system extensions and improvements, which includes \$300,000 for *Onion Creek Interceptor*. (Was not included in original proposal) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Council-
members Deuser, Duncan, Goodman
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$7,125,000 for airport improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers
Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Council next discussed public works. Councilmember Mullen asked for the figure for William Cannon which was in the original proposal. Ms. Thomson, Director of Research and Budget, told him \$3,035,000. Richard Riding, Assistant Director of Public Works, discussed the history of William Cannon. "The project has been voted on several times by various boards and commissions and an alignment agreement has been reached and voted on by the Council. The proposed major arterial between IH 35 and 290 is a major link in southwest Austin. The project began as a part of the 1962 through 1982 transportation plan which was published in 1965 which also noted and identified the need for the primary arterial. It was included in the Austin Development Plan, the Expressway/Major Arterial Plan adopted by the City Council in 1967 and 1969. The staff has prepared several alignment studies for the Council in the past and the most recent alignment has been voted on. We have had major funds in escrow with the City in order to meet the developer requirements for funding their portion of this major east/west arterial. Currently we have over \$42,000 from one developer alone and as the plats come in for subdivisions in this area the Planning Commission, in keeping with the Master Plan has been

requiring that right of way and funds be put up by developers. The plan, as proposed, was to do the engineering work in 1982 and begin the construction and complete it in 1983." Councilmember Mullen asked Councilmember Deuser if William Cannon was included in his two year bond proposal and Councilmember Deuser said it was not because there were other improvements which seemed more pressing.

Councilmember Mullen asked what the bottom line on the bond package is to pay for it through taxes.....that is, how much leeway is there before taxes would have to be raised. He asked, "If we put William Cannon back in would it require a tax increase?" Ms. Thomson said there is not a dollar for dollar trade off and she can take any additions or deletions and run through a formula they have devised and tell him in a few minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino stated, "Under this package we have flood damage and controls \$7.269 million and I want to make sure it's entered into the record that at least one million of this is going to Boggy Creek."

Councilmember Goodman said, "I think it would be best to clarify what the whole \$7.2 million is in the flood related items in the front page and I'll just read it and have it entered into the record:

189,170.00 for West 1st Street
 940,000.00 channel improvements for Jefferson Street
 1,400,000.00 for detention ponds for Shoal Creek and Little Walnut Creek
 2,000,000.00 for channel improvement for Little Walnut Creek, Shoal Creek; Little Elms Parkway Area
 40,000 for storm sewer improvements 49th and Shoal Creek
 1,700,000 for bridges and culverts Silverway Drive area; Loyola Bridges; Rollingwood Drive
 1,000,000 for Boggy Creek improvements"

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino said, "You have just read \$1,000,000 for Boggy Creek improvements and in this other package it has, under drainage Boggy Creek improvements \$500,000. Is there any problem, so there is no confusion, putting all of them in a flood related package?" Mr. Riding said there would be no problem.

Motion (Failed for Lack of Second)

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino made a motion to add \$500,000 for flood related category for Boggy Creek. There was no second to the motion.

Councilmember Goodman agreed this is the way it should be and said there would be a single item for Boggy Creek under flood related for \$1,500,000.00 and strike it from the other section of Public Works."

Councilmember Goodman asked Mr. Ridings if it will take \$400,000 for Johnson Creek. Mr. Ridings said yes. That would include completion of some of the proposed culvert modifications in the area and also do some flood related improvements cleaning out some of the channel and correct some of the problems which occurred during the flood. This has been recommended by staff.

Ms. Thomson told Council the \$3,000,000 is equal to about a quarter of a penny on the tax rate beginning in 1981-82. There was more discussion.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen made a motion to take \$300,000 from bikeways and put it into engineering for William Cannon.

Discussion of William Cannon followed.

Motion Amendment

Councilmember Mullen amended his motion to also include \$400,000 for Johnson Creek.

Motion Withdrawn

Councilmember Mullen withdrew his motion to include \$300,000 for William Cannon.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved the that Council approve \$41,655,000 General Obligation Street and Drainage Bonds (which includes \$400,000 for Johnson Creek.) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Deuser

Noes: None

Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council amend current revenue in the total electric utility program requirements from \$19,000,000 to \$14,000,000. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino,
Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan
Noes: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve including \$1,845,000 General Obligation Health and Emergency Medical Service Building Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Council-
members Deuser, Duncan, Goodman
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council approve including \$4,425,000 General Obligation Fire Station Building Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers
Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve including \$190,000 General Obligation Neighborhood Center Building Bonds. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman,
Mullen, Urdy
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Urdy moved that the Council approve including \$1,070,000 General Obligation Library Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Mayor McClellan noted that there is more money proposed for parks and recreation in a two year bond package than in the three year bond package but still it does not include a northeast recreation center. Mr. Ehrler, Director of Parks and Recreation told her that the Austin Independent School District is planning to build a school there within two years and the City will have a joint venture with them.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve including \$15,120,000 General Obligation Parks Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Noes: None
Abstain: Councilmember Deuser, Mayor McClellan

Motion to Reconsider

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council reconsider the motion. The reconsidered motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Goodman said, "\$90,000 for pool design Balcones District Park, Zone 2. Park design of the entire park section."

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve including \$15,120,000 General Obligation Parks Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council approve including \$2,490,000 General Obligation Traffic Signal Bonds. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Urdy moved that the Council vote to split UHF from Flood Warning in the bond money allotted for Fire Department. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Mullen, Urdy, Goodman
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$1,329,191 General Obligation Bonds for conversion of Fire Department Radio System from VHF to UHF; and \$970,000 for Early Warning Flood System. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$177,000 General Obligation Vehicle and Equipment Services Building Bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council include \$3,100,000 General Obligation Public Works service facility building bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy,
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting at 3:25 p.m. and resumed its recessed meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Ms. Lee Thomson went over the totals for each program area. She said the proposed General Obligation bonds can be afforded in 22¢ tax rate. The current tax rate is 19¢.

Motion

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND REVENUE BONDS, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT ORDINANCES BE READ ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Urdy, Mayor Pro Tem
Trevino, Councilmember Deuser
Noes: None
Abstain: Mayor McClellan

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

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CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

The General Obligation and Revenue Bonds are listed as follows:
(Two Year Funding)

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$41,655,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET AND DRAINAGE BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SANITARY LAND-FILL BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 3

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,845,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 4

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,425,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION FIRE STATION BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 5

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 6

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,070,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIBRARY BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 7

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$15,120,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 8

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,490,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TRAFFIC SIGNAL BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 9

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,475,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TRANSIT SYSTEM BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 10

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$630,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TRANSIT SYSTEM VEHICLE BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 11

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,100,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE FACILITY BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 12

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES BUILDING BONDS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 13

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,045,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 14

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$39,105,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR WATERWORKS SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 15

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$32,915,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 16

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,125,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS"

At the time of roll call, Mayor McClellan stated: "There has been misinterpretation, not misquote because it has not been in quote, but there has been misinterpretation that I would get out and work against this bond package. That is incorrect. I have never said that, I have said, however that I could not support this bond package...that I could not, in all honesty, go to this community and say this is meeting this community's needs for today and tomorrow and planning as well for the next two year period. We initially started talking about a three year period and now we are talking about a two year period. I still cannot say that about this package for a

two year period. I will not work against the bond package and that explains my abstention. However, neither can I work for it. At the point of being repetitive I will reiterate that if we were serious about another option for the lignite reserve and if we did that up front today I would be delighted to support this bond package but my Council colleagues who suggested the option of using current revenues to pay for those lignite reserves have just committed some money for weatherization which has some legal question to it. If you were willing to make that up front commitment to the lignite reserve I would certainly support this bond package and I would feel like we were addressing that very, very critical part of our electric program in another option. There is no guarantee that other option will ever be exercised in that manner. We have to make an up front payment on the 80 million tons of Camp Swift lignite in early October. I'm not sure what that figure will be. I've been told it could be as little as \$200,000 or it could be \$500,000. We have to make a commitment by November 20. We will know nothing more about our energy program as such with South Texas between now and October. We have to make a decision by November 20th on the lignite reserves with Lovaca settlement and that of course is a significant figure of \$900,000.00 we will have to ante up if we care to stay in that ball game. I actually wanted a guarantee of our keeping that option open. I really believe this Council is proceeding to cut off step by step the various energy options. The point where I came on some 4½ years ago we were remembering well Oscar Wyatt and Coastal Lovaca in the early 70's when we had one source of energy supply and he either sold our gas to someone else at a higher price or told us he had gas and he didn't and Oscar Wyatt took millions of dollars from us. We did battle with Oscar Wyatt. We did battle on the Lovaca settlement and we held it up for months to have the right to the lignite reserve. Oscar Wyatt took millions of dollars from us and I really believe in all due respect that some of my Council colleagues are effectively giving away millions of dollars of our rate payers dollars from our Austin citizens by not guaranteeing we can stay in the ball game on the lignite option. I think we will probably be looking at a vote on the nuclear project in November, possibly later, but I think November and I think you will have a majority of this Council at that time telling the City we should get out of the nuclear project and not willing today to stay in with lignite I believe we could very quickly wind up with one alternate on energy sources and that would be buying power from others and we would be at their mercy and they are going to protect their rate payers first and not our citizens. I consider it a very critical issue and I believe we ought to be presenting a balanced package to our community and we are not. We have funding for the energy house in the electric program but we have no dollars for lignite reserves so I will abstain on the entire bond package."

Councilmember Deuser told Mayor McClellan if she is interested in having lignite a separate item then he will make a motion to have it that way on the ballot. Mayor McClellan told him if the energy house, etc. is also put line for line on the ballot, then it will be all right. There was no move to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its Special Called Meeting at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVED

Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe
City Clerk